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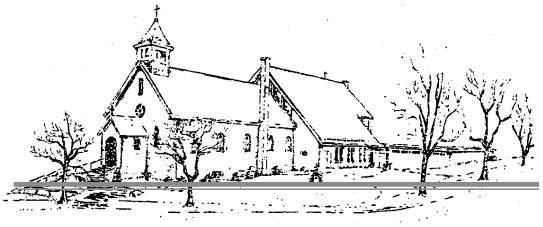

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3 & 4, 2022
Year A

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MEETINGS: 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30pm

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: Vigil 5:00 pm
SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10:00 am
HOLY DAY: Vigil 6:00 pm eve. prior day
8:00 am
WEEKDAY: 8:00 am Mon. thru Thurs.
No Mass on Friday
CONFESSIONS: Saturday 4:00 pm
WEDDINGS: Please call Father at least 6mos. prior
BAPTISMS: Please call Father to schedule.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call parish office.
OFFICE HOURS: Mon.-Thurs.: 9:00 am-4:00 pm - Friday: 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Daily Mass Readings: www.usccb.org
Daily Mass Schedules: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

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Thoughts from Fr. Rod

During the season of Advent all believers are waiting in joyful hope for the Lord's coming. Believers then, live in joyful expectation of the coming of the Messiah who liberates his people from the oppressors. But this demands something from them for them to be able to welcome the coming of the Messiah. In our gospel this weekend we have the person of John, known as the forerunner of Christ who preached baptism of repentance to the people of Israel. As he appeared in the dessert of Judea he said "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" People came forward to receive the baptism of John to show that they are sorry for whatever wrong doings or sins they may have done; but the scene changed when Pharisees and Sadducees showed up to receive baptism. John told them frankly "who warned you that you can escape the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance."

On this 2nd Sunday of Advent John reminds us about the importance of truly repenting of oneself. This doesn't come only when one is attracted to it. It is not just only about being sorry and feeling good about it, but afterwards back to "normal." The evidence of true repentance is a changed life. It is a decision one has to make to show our sincerity and become converted. This is what advent means for us believers. We do it for the Lord. We always aim at making our individual self ready when the messiah comes. We hope that during this ad-vent season we could focus our attention to what we are supposed to do as we try to look into the corners within our individual self. We ask God to help us assess our lives so we can arrange them according to what pleases him. Left on our own we do nothing, but with God's grace nothing is impossible. We pray to God that our advent preparations come to fulfillment so that we can make our paths straight for the Lord.

Second Sunday of Advent—December 4 2022

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever. Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

$tewardship	11/19-20	11/26-27
Offertory:	$2,992	$3,452
Online:	$1,077	$1,427
Operating Expenses	$110	$205
Loose:	$293	$240
Children:	$9	$16
Candles	$84	$70
Thanksgiving	$103	$260
Christmas Flowers	$0	$30
CCD	$0	$5
Immaculate Conception	$0	$5
Total:	**$4,668**	**$5,710**
Budget:	**$6,600**	**$6,600**
Over/Under:	**($1,932)**	**($890)**

Diocesan Collections		
Poverty Relief	$455	$26
Retired Religious	$10	$0

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Click on "Donate" and follow the prompts
Call the office if you have any questions

Great DLA News!
We have surpassed our Diocesan Goal—All Monies Now Remain at Holy Cross

To Donate Online to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal:
Go to www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/SharingOurGifts

MASS INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAT. DEC 3	5:00PM	TRIVELLINI FAMILY (LYDIA WARGO)
SUN. DEC 4	8:00AM	IN HONOR OF HIS 76TH BIRTDAY—DAMIEL GENARD, JR. (FAMILY)
	10:00AM	M/M WILLIAM J NAYLOR (SONS BILL & GARY)
MON. DEC 5	8:00AM	EUGENE GELFO JR & BOMPIANI & GELFO FAMILIES (FLORENCE, KIM & MICHAEL GELFO
TUE. DEC 6	8:00AM	GENEVIEVE UHRINEK (MARK & KAREN MERVOSH)
WED. DEC 7		**NO MORNING MASS**
		VIGIL MASS-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
	6:00PM	SALLY JANOS (KLINGENSMITH FAMILY)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THU. DEC 8	8:00AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
FRI. DEC 9		NO MASS———————————————-

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAT. DEC 10	5:00PM	LEONARD ZEGLIN (FAMILY)
SUN. DEC 11	8:00AM	STANLEY WOJCIECHOWSKI (ED & WILMA BRADISH)
	10:00AM	ROBERT P HARTZELL (JO & GEORGE HARTZELL)
	2:00PM	CONFESSIONS

Although we are no longer streaming a live mass from Holy Cross, you can stay connected by going to:
dioceseofgreenburg.org/stream-mass

If a loved one has passed away and is a member of Holy Cross Church, please notify the parish office. We must update our records accordingly.

When you are admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please tell the admissions staff and nurses that you are Roman Catholic and would like a visit from the facility's Catholic Chaplain. This is due to HIPAA privacy laws. The Chaplain is often able to see you and administer the sacraments during times when the pastor is not available.

If you experience any personal injury on church property, please call the office or speak to Fr. Rodriguez

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUSPICION about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone, please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 10 & 11, 2022

SAT DEC 10 5PM: ALTAR SERVERS—YODER
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—FULLMAN LECTOR—MCCASKIE

SUN DEC 11 8AM: ALTAR SERVERS— TROPEANO
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—HALD LECTOR—FALCONE

10AM: ALTAR SERVERS—BAILEY
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER—CASINI

MONEY COUNTERS—REGER, GRIFFIN, J ADAMOSKI
Thank you all for your service! Check before Mass to see if you are needed.

The Word—Year C
Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Justice shall be the band around his waist….

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you….

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

I am baptizing you with water, for repentance….

Finance Council—December 6 @ 6PM

Pastoral Council—December 8 @ 7PM

Immaculate Conception—Dec. 8

Reconciliation—December 11 Here @2PM
Reconciliation—Dec 12 at St. Bruno @5:30PM
Reconciliation—Dec 13 at St. Paul @5:30PM
Reconciliation—Dec 15 at Our Lady Of Grace @5:30PM
Reconciliation—Dec 16 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral @11:00AM
Christmas Masses—Dec 24 5PM & 9PM
Dec 25 9AM

Oplatki
(Christmas Wafers)
are now available for purchase for $2.00/pkg.
See Eleanor.

Holy Cross
Prayer Chain
If you, a loved one or friend are in need of extra prayers,
Contact Pat Cassa at 724-925-2617 to be placed on the parish prayer chain.
No matter what the need is, large or small, we are here to pray for that need.

Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candle

If you would like to purchase altar flowers or a sanctuary candle in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office. Please keep in mind that altar flowers and sanctuary candles may be purchased to honor the living as well as the deceased. They may also convey thanksgiving for prayers answered or to celebrate occasions such as anniversaries and birthdays. The suggested donation for flowers is $75; candle is $25.

BULK ITALIAN ROAST BEEF—SALE WITH PRESALE GUARANTEE

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711 DEPOT ST, YOUNGWOOD, PA 15697
Saturday, December 17 & Sunday, December 18

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Catholic Relief Services

The global food crisis is getting worse, and communities across the world are experiencing life-threatening levels of hunger and malnutrition on an unprecedented scale. The Global Food Security Reauthorization Act helps small-scale farmers access tools and training to produce more food, improves nutrition and reduces poverty. Please urge your members of Congress to preserve the GFSRA Amendment in the final fiscal year 2023 NDAA bill. Visit www.crs.org for more information!

Greensburg Area Sunday Evening Regional Mass

Our Lady of Grace Church,
1011 Mount Pleasant Road,
Greensburg, PA
6:00 PM Sunday Evening

Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast with Santa
Sunday, December 11th
after the 8Am & 10AM Masses
in the Social Hall

American Red Cross

Youngwood Community Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 7
11:30 PM to 5:00 PM At the Youngwood Fire Hall
For an appointment log on to : redcrossblood.org
and enter YOUNGWOOD to schedule appointment
Or call 1-800-REDCROSS

Thank you to all who have donated blood for the Red Cross Youngwood Community Blood Drive over the past several months. Thanks to you we have one of the best blood drives in the area. The blood drives are held every two months at the Youngwood Fire Hall. Consider joining others who donate faithfully.

Custodian & Facilities Maintenance Worker

After many years of service,
Sam Derr is retiring at the end of 2022.

Our Church, Holy Cross is now seeking his replacement.
The position, a custodian/facilities maintenance worker is a part-time paid position of up to 20 hours per week. Duties are cleaning and minor maintenance and repairs for the church, rectory and the campus grounds and overseeing the effective and efficient operation of the parish campus.
For information, call the parish office at
724-925-7811 or
email holycross@dioceseofgreensburg.org

The Tree of Hope

Donations for this year's Tree of Hope will be collected for the benefit of the Youngwood Community Food Bank & The Lions Club. All funds contributed will go to these worthy causes. The deadline for donations is January 2, 2023. Names will be published in the bulletin at the end of January. If you wish to donate, please fill out the coupon below, bring it to the parish office, mail it or place it in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked **"Tree of Hope."**

Thank you for your generosity!

I wish to donate to the Holy Cross Tree of Hope.
My contribution is In Memory / In Honor (circle one) of:

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Amount _____

Please place this coupon with your donation in an envelope clearly marked "Tree of Hope"

Next Weekend
December 10/11

Roni Salsa representing the Bethlehem Christian Families; a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help many organizations and Churches in the Middle East. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. For more information, please see Website: ***www.landofpeace.org***

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December 4 thru December 10

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DANIEL, SR & VIRGINIA GENARD

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Hem of His Garment Healing Ministry
Friday, December 16, 2022
6:30 PM
Seven Dolors Parish
102 Center Street
Yukon, PA 15698
Questions? 814-227-8025
(Leave a message)

2023 Calendars

Compliments of CR McCauley Funeral Home are now available at all entrances of the church. Pick up yours today and perhaps one for a friend, relative or neighbor who is unable to attend mass.

Also, **HOLY MOMENTS**, A book by Matthew Kelly, our gift to you this Advent Season, is available at all entrances to the church.

Bishop to celebrate Lessons and Carols Dec. 9 at cathedral

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for the annual celebration of Lessons and Carols on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, featuring the Diocesan Choir, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Choir and Diocesan Schools Chorus.

Christmas Gifts for Clelian Heights

Dear parishioners: Holy Cross once again will gift 25 special needs children and/or adults at Clelian Heights School for Christmas. Each gift tag includes name, gift ideas and general information. Call Lois Horan at 724-925-6133 to reserve and pick up your tags. All wrapped gifts must be delivered to Lois by Thurs. Dec 15. Any questions please call Lois.

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